

# PRESS RELEASE

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**RE: UNITED STATES v. YOUNES KASSEM a/k/a Uno**

United States Attorney Terrance P. Flynn announced today a one-count Indictment, charging YOUNES KASSEM a/k/a Uno, age 33, of Lackawanna, New York, with conspiracy to distribute controlled substances in violation of Title 21, United States Code, Section 846 which carries a maximum penalty of 20 years imprisonment, a fine of \$1,000,000.00, or both. It should be noted that the fact that a defendant has been charged with a crime . . . is merely an accusation and the defendant is presumed innocent until and unless proven guilty. (**Disciplinary Rule 7-107(B)(6)**).

United States Attorney Flynn stated that the Indictment charges the defendant with conspiring with others between February 2003 and January 2006 to distribute quantities of fentanyl, oxycodone and cocaine, Schedule II controlled substances and quantities of hydrocodone, a Schedule III controlled substances in the Cities of Buffalo and Lackawanna and other areas.

The Indictment was the culmination of an investigation on the part of the Drug Enforcement Administration, under the direction of Nancy Coté, Resident Agent in Charge, United States Secret Service, under the direction of Michael C. Bryant, Special

Agent in Charge, the Department of Veterans Affairs, Office of  
Inspector General Northeast Field Office, under the direction of  
Jeffrey G. Hughes, Special Agent in Charge and the Town of  
Hamburg Police Department, under the direction of Supervisor  
Steven Walters.